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REFERENCES: (A) GENEVA 2908; (B) GENEVA 4641;
(C) GENEVA 4792

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1. FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETING.

2. REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV:

(A) SECRETARIAT BACKGROUND NOTE (COM/TD/W/254) CONTAINS
MOST OF THE RELEVANT INFORMATION WE HAD PREPARED. OUR

DATA SHOW 46 ITEMS ADDED TO GSP, NOT 45. DOCUMENT ALSO INDICATES RULES OF ORIGIN CHANGE TOOK EFFECT IN 1976 INSTEAD OF 1977. WE WOULD ADD THAT THE 1976 TRADE COVERAGE OF NEW ITEMS WAS 8.1 MILLION DOLLARS, AND THAT ALL PETITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM GSP WERE REJECTED. WE HAVE ALSO ENHANCED OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE VIEWS OF THE BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN WE CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE GSP LIST.

(B) AS SECRETARIAT NOTE INDICATES, U.S. DID NOT IMPOSE NEW IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN THE MUSHROOM AND SUGAR ESCAPE CLAUSE CASES DESPITE USITC FINDINGS OF SERIOUS INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. IN THE FOOTWEAR CASE, ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THESE AGREEMENTS ARE SHORT TERM AND PROVIDE FOR GROWTH IN THE RESTRAINT LEVELS. THE U.S. IS NOT AT THIS TIME SEEKING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS. WITH REGARD TO THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON IMPORTS OF COTTON YARN FROM BRAZIL (AS WELL AS ON SCISSORS AND SHEARS IF THIS IS MENTIONED), COMPLAINTS FILED BY THE U.S. INDUSTRIES RESULTED IN DETERMINATIONS THAT THE BRAZILIAN EXPORTS WERE RECEIVING BOUNTIES OR GRANTS UNDER SEVERAL PROGRAMS OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND WERE THUS LIABLE FOR EQUIVALENT OFFSETTING DUTIES UNDER U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW.

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(C) WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION OF NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES, WE AGREE WITH REF (A) THAT U.S.G. SHOULD INDICATE ITS PREFERENCE FOR DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS IN THE APPROPRIATE MTN GROUPS TO AVOID DUPLICATING THE EFFORTS OF SECRETARIAT.

3. REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE: WE NOTE (REF (C)) THAT MISSION HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE RELEVANT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NEED NOT COMMENT UNLESS ANYTHING UNTOWARD OCCURS ON THIS ITEM.

4. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MTN: WE HAVE REVIEWED THE RELEVANT DOCUMENT, AND HAVE FOUND NOTHING WHICH WARRANTS OUR COMMENT.

5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: SAME AS FOR PARAGRAPH 4.

6. EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: THE SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT ON THIS MATTER RELATES TO ONGOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA, INVOLVING LIMITED GATT RESOURCES. WHILE THE U.S. MAINTAINS ITS NORMAL RESERVATIONS ON THIS MATTER, WE NEED NOT COMMENT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS.

7. OTHER: WITH RESPECT TO OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT AS YET TAKEN A POSITION OR MADE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE MATTER EITHER ENDORSING OR OPPOSING ANY EFFORTS TO AMEND THE TRADE ACT IN THIS REGARD. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD STATE IF NECESSARY THAT THE U.S.G. IS AWARE OF THE VIEWS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THIS MATTER BUT OPEC IS ALSO A VERY SENSITIVE SUBJECT IN THE CONGRESS AND WITH THE ENERGY BILL BEING DISCUSSED IN CONGRESS, THE CHANCE OF PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO REMOVE THE EXCLUSION AT THIS TIME IS SMALL. IF PRESSED RE ADMINISTRATION POSITION, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD CONFINE REMARKS TO SAYING MATTER IS UNDER REVIEW.

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